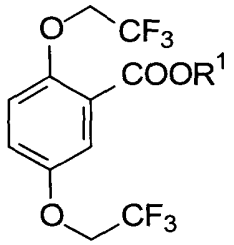
THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Process for the preparation of Flecainide, as Flecainide base or any pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, comprising:

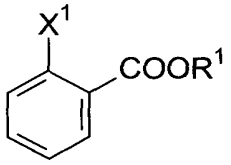
preparation of a compound of formula VI



(VI)

wherein R^1 is H, alkali metal or a C_1 to C_9 alkyl group;

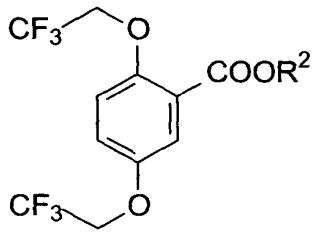
from compounds of formula III



(III)

wherein X^1 is F, Cl, Br or I;

optional conversion of the compound of formula VI to the ester of formula VII;



(VII)

wherein R^2 is C_1 to C_9 alkyl group, aryl group or succinimidyl;

amide formation of the compound of formula VI or VII forming flecainide base and;

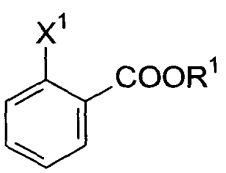
optionally forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. The process of Claim 1 wherein the amide formation is selective.

3. The process of Claim 1 wherein the amide formation involves 2-(aminomethyl)piperidine.

4. Process for the preparation of Flecainide, as Flecainide base or any pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, comprising

reaction of the 2-halobenzoic acid derivatives of formula III with an alkali or alkaline earth metal alkoxide of 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol in the presence of a catalyst in a solvent to form 2-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)benzoic acid derivatives of formula IV;



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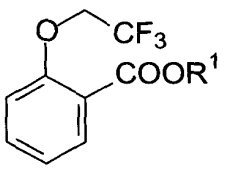
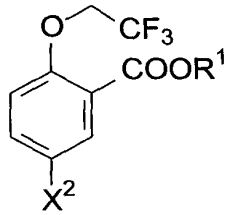


(IV)

wherein X^1 is F, Cl, Br or I and R^1 is H, alkali metal or a C_1 to C_9 alkyl group;

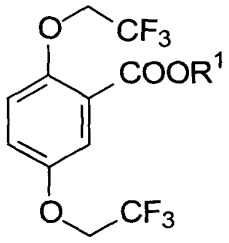
halogenation of the compounds of formula IV to form 5-halo-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)benzoic acid derivatives of formula V;



(V)

wherein X^2 is Cl, Br, or I.

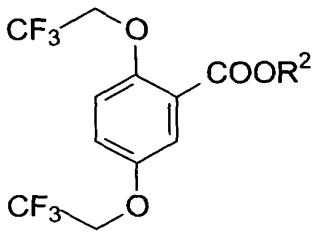
reaction of the compounds of formula V with an alkali or alkaline earth metal alkoxide of 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol in the presence of a catalyst in a solvent to form compounds of formula VI;



(VI)

wherein R^1 is H, alkali metal or a C_1 to C_9 alkyl group;

optional conversion of the compounds of formula VI to a new ester of formula VII by reacting with hydroxyl compound R^2OH;



(VII)

wherein R^2 is C_1 to C_9 alkyl group, aryl group or succinimidyl

selective amide formation by reacting compounds of formula VI or VII with 2-(aminomethyl)piperidine forming flecainide base;

optionally forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

5. The process of Claim 4 wherein either solvent comprises a polar solvent.

6. The process of Claim 4 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable salt is the monoacetate salt.

7. The process according to Claim 4, wherein the alkali or alkaline earth metal alkoxide of 2,2,2-trifluoroethoxide is sodium, potassium, calcium or lithium 2,2,2-trifluoroethoxide.

8. The process according to Claim 4, wherein the alkali or alkaline earth metal alkoxide of 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol is synthesized by reacting 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol with a base selected from potassium *tert*-butoxide, sodium *tert*-butoxide, sodium isopropoxide or sodium methoxide.

9. The process according to Claim 4, wherein either catalyst comprises a copper type catalyst.

10. The process according to Claim 9 wherein the copper type catalyst comprises cupric chloride, cupric bromide, cupric iodide, cuprous chloride, cuprous bromide, cuprous iodide, copper (I) oxide, copper (II) oxide or copper-zinc alloy.

11. The process according to Claim 4, wherein X^2 is Br.

12. The process according to Claim 4, wherein R^2 is selected from methyl, ethyl, benzyl and phenyl.

13. The process according to Claim 4, wherein the compound of formula VI or VII is 2,5-bis-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)benzoate.

14. The process according to Claim 13 wherein any of the reactions is carried out in aliphatic, cycloaliphatic or aromatic solvents from 5 to 10 carbon atoms or ethers from 4 to 10 carbon atoms.

15. The process according to Claim 14, wherein the solvents comprises hexane, heptane, cyclohexane, tetrahydrofuran, 1,2-domethoxyethane, diethyleneglycol dimethyl ether, toluene, xylene, or acetonitrile.

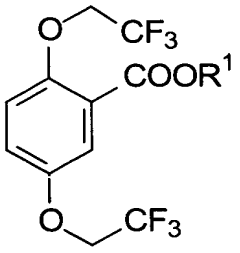
16. The process according to Claim 13, wherein the reaction temperature is between 0°C to 150°C.

17. The process according to Claim 13, wherein the temperature is between 50°C to 120°C.

18. The process according to Claim 13, wherein the molar ratio between 2,5-bis-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)benzoate and 2-aminomethylpiperidine is from 1:1 to 1:2.

19. The process according to Claim 18, wherein the molar ratio is from 1:1 to1:1.5.

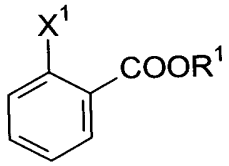
20. The process for the preparation benzoic acid derivatives of formula VI ;



(VI)

wherein R^1 is H, alkali metal or a C_1 to C_9 alkyl group;

from compounds of formula III

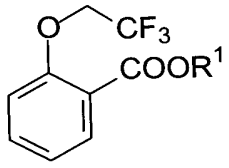


(III)

wherein X^1 is F, Cl, Br or I;

comprising:

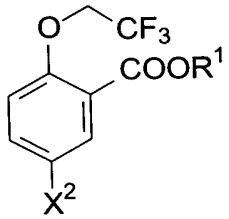
reaction of compounds of formula III with an alkali or alkaline earth metal alkoxide of 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol in the presence of a catalyst in a solvent to form compounds of formula IV;



(IV)

wherein R^1 is H, alkali metal or a C_1 to C_9 alkyl group;

halogenation of the compounds of formula IV to form compounds of formula V;



(V)

wherein X^2 is Cl, Br, or I.

reaction of compounds of formula V with an alkali or alkaline earth metal alkoxide of 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol in the presence of a catalyst in a solvent.

21. The process according to Claim 20 wherein either solvent comprises a polar solvent.

22. The process according to Claim 20, wherein the alkali or alkaline earth metal alkoxide of 2,2,2-trifluoroethoxide is sodium, potassium, calcium or lithium 2,2,2-trifluoroethoxide.

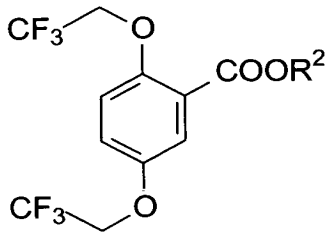
23. The process according to Claim 20, wherein the alkali or alkaline earth metal alkoxide of 2,2,2-trifluoroethoxide is synthesized by reacting 2,2,2-triflouroethanol with a base selected from potassium *tert*-butoxide, sodium *tert*-butoxide, sodium isopropoxide or sodium methoxide.

24. The process according to Claim 20, wherein either catalyst comprises a copper type catalyst.

25. The process according to Claim 24 wherein the copper type catalyst is selected from cupric chloride, cupric bromide, cupric iodide, cuprous chloride, cuprous bromide, cuprous iodide, copper (I) oxide, copper (II) oxide, copper-zinc alloy and the like.

26. The process according to Claim 20, wherein X^2 is Br.

27. The process for the preparation of Flecainide from 2,5-bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)benzoic acid derivatives of formula VII,



(VII)

wherein R^2 is C_1 to C_9 alkyl group, aryl group or succinimidyl;

comprising the selective amide formation by reacting the benzoic acid derivative of formula VII with 2-(aminomethyl)piperidine.

28. The process according to Claim 27, wherein the reaction is carried out in aliphatic, cycloaliphatic or aromatic solvents from 5 to 10 carbon atoms or ethers from 4 to 10 carbon atoms.

29. The process according to Claim 27, wherein the solvents are selected from hexane, heptane, cyclohexane, tetrahydrofuran, 1,2-demethoxyethane, diethyleneglycol dimethyl ether, toluene, xylene, acetonitrile.

30. The process according to Claim 27, wherein the solvent is toluene or xylene.

31. The process according to Claim 27, wherein the reaction temperature is between 0°C and 150°C.

32. The process according to Claim 27, wherein temperature range is between 50°C and 120°C.

33. The process according to Claim 27, wherein the molar ratio between the benzoic acid derivative and 2-aminomethylpiperidine is from 1:1 to 1:2.

34. The process according to Claim 33, wherein the molar ratio is from 1:1 to 1:1.5.

35. 5-Bromo-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)benzoic acid.